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SUBJECT: RUSSIA SUPPORTS ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF SUDAN PANEL

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Classified By: D/POL Colin Cleary. Reasons: 1.4(B/D).

(C) In response to reftel demarche, Vladimir Safronkov, Chief of the UN Political Affairs Section in the MFA's IO Department, told us September 28 that the Russian delegation had already been instructed to support a one year extension of the Sudan Panel of Experts. He said that Russia had no position on the addition of a fifth member to the Panel. BURNS